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SENATOR MARESH: 53 and one third percent for the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maresh, is the state impowered to issue revenue bonds for the construction of highways?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes they are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has the state ever issued revenue bonds since you ~~have been in~~ the legislature?

SENATOR MARESH: ~~There are~~ some issued presently that have still a number of years, I think, to 1988 before they run out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When was the last time that any were issued?

SENATOR MARESH: It must have been 1968 I believe because they are 20 year bonds and I believe... I think Senator Warner would be more...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that a long time ago?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't you try to get them to issue some revenue bonds then?

SENATOR MARESH: I think Senator Schmit had a bill on that last year, I'm quite sure. That's up to the Governor to issue a bond. I think if we had the foresight and the hindsight I think we would have been better off with the inflation as it is it would have been better to build the roads in the past than now. But I guess the people didn't realize that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How would the Governor issue revenue bonds?

SENATOR MARESH: I think you will have to ask somebody else. maybe Senator Warner could...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I mean would he need the consent of the legislature to do that?

SENATOR MARESH: The legislature gave him the authority now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator Maresh, if revenue bonds are issued, would there be any interest that would have to be paid on these bonds?

SENATOR MARESH: Right. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who would pay the interest ultimately?

SENATOR MARESH: Maybe out of the revenue then would have to make up the difference. That's why I haven't been too sold on the issuance of bonds because we have the interest to pay but inflation, as it is, I think it would have been a smart thing to do.